

CALL TO PERFORMING ARTISTS

BOSTON *AHTS* FESTIVAL 2005

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF ARTS, TOURISM AND SPECIAL EVENTS AT BOSTON CITY HALL

We are delighted to announce the Boston Ahts Festival 2005. The Festival will showcase Boston's best performing artists. The Boston *Ahts* Festival is currently seeking Boston-based artists to perform on City Hall Plaza to commemorate Boston's 375 Birthday in July and August and at the Boston *Ahts* Festival at Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park on September 10th and 11th of this year.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

May 27, 2005

SELECTION PROCESS/ CRITERIA

A festival committee will make the final selection. Acceptance will be determined by quality, variety of artistic disciplines, and appropriateness for the venue.

ELIGIBILITY

Artists and performing groups are eligible regardless of race, gender, belief, national origin, sexual orientation, and physical ability.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING

- Written description of a 20-30 minute presentation that will represent a preview of the group's upcoming performance season.
- Itemized **budget** including fee and any special production requirements, we will provide stage, sound system and dressing rooms.
- Resume or brief description of your art experiences.
- Support materials; such as VHS, DVD, CD cassettes, photos.

Indicate availability during July and August; and Saturday, September 10th & 11th

Please include other needs.

- List of technical requirements including stage plot, necessary speakers, (i.e. P.A. speakers instruments input locations, power needs). WE PROVIDE SOUND
- Please submit a suitable self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) if you would like your proposal/support materials returned to you. The Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism and Special Events is not responsible for loss of/or damage to support materials that are not accompanied by suitable SASE

Performance SPACE

- July and August performances on City Hall Plaza will be outdoors, on the sidewalks.
- The Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park is located along Boston Harbor between the North End and the Marriott Hotel
- Technical equipment will be provided by the City of Boston. Technical requirements must be included in the proposal. The provisional stage measurements are 32' x 24

SET-UP

- Performers are responsible for transporting instruments, props, music stands, etc. TO and from the site. All performances are outdoors and weather dependent. The Festival Director will arrange a designated time for set-up.

PUBLICITY

- Artist will be listed in the City of Boston Publications "*Arts and The City*", the City of Boston *Web Site* and the City of Boston. Mayor Thomas M. Menino *Summer Event 2005 Brochure*.

SALE OF WORK

A supervised table will be made available for the sale of CD's, tapes, books and other print materials, along with the distributions of business cards and promotional materials.

WEB ACCESS

Information on the festival will be posted at:
<http://www.cityofboston.gov/arts/artsfestival.asp>

LIABILITY

The Boston *AHTS* Festival 2005 will provide security from setup to strike. ARTISTS perform at their own risk. The City of Boston is not responsible for damage, theft, or loss of performer's property.

QUESTIONS

If you would like to discuss your proposal prior to submitting it, please contact Festival Director, Michelle Baxter at The Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism and Special Events at Boston City Hall 617-635-3644

DELIVER OR MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

Michelle Baxter, Festival Director
Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism, and Special Events
Boston City Hall, Room 716
Boston, Massachusetts 02201
Phone 671-635-3644
Fax 617-635-1850
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MISSION STATEMENT.

The Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events (MOATSE) fosters growth of the cultural community, promotes public participation in the arts and public celebration, and advances cultural tourism in Boston.

CHECKLIST

Incomplete entries will not be processed.

- Completed application form
- Up to one-page narrative describing the artist (s), background and experience, a description of artistic work to be presented, and why/how it is appropriate for presentation
- A resume of the leading artist (s)
- Itemized budget
- Technical Requirements
- A CD, tape, video, publication or other representation of your creative work. Please cue CD/Tape/Video to the 10-minute selection and/or mark publication for 10-page selection for review. If you are accepted, these will be retained for; publicity purposes
- Copies of reviews, if available
- SASE-Self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of your materials. Be sure to provide adequate postage.

OFFICIAL USE CATEGORY: Material:
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APPLICATION/SUPPORT MATERIALS/SASE DUE

July 22,2005

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM (CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE)
AND MAIL TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Michelle Baxter, Festival Director
Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events
Boston *Ahts* Festival 2005
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Boston City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

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Address_____

City_____

Zip Code_____

Daytime/Evening Phone
Number_____

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E-mail_____

Website_____